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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

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CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new *Rosa hybrida* plant.

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VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'TANTALIZING RED'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'TANTALIZING RED'.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its attractive red-purple flowers.

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Asexual reproduction by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

1       The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as  
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a  
color illustration of this character.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November and budded on understock of 'DR. HUEY.

Form: Upright

Size: Terminal leaflet length about 2 1/2 inches[[]], width about 1 3/4 inches; leaf about 5 1/2 inches long and about 4 inches wide

New foliage: Upper side near 146A; under  
side near 182B

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1	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
	Texture	
5	Upper side:	Smooth, semi-glossy
	Under side:	Matte
	Edge:	Serrated
10	Serration:	Slight
	Petioles:	Top surface color near 144B; Under side near 144A
	Stipules:	Normal
15	Auricle:	Slight serration near 59B to 137C
	Rachis:	Smooth
20	WOOD	
	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 59C
25	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 146B
30	Flowering stem:	Length about 24 inches

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	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
1	Resistance to Disease:	Average
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
5	Growth habit:	Upright
	Leaves per stem:	About 7
10	Thorns and prickles:	Average number of prickles and thorns, new thorns about 3/16 inch, near 142B, mature thorns about 3/8 inch near 144B
FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE		
15	Blooming Habit:	Recurrent
	Bud	Average length about 1 3/16 inch, width 1 1/2 inches
20	Form:	High centered classic rose form
25	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 60A; when sepals first divide color near 60C; when petals begin to unfurl color near 63B
30	Sepals:	Pointed on ends; regular appearance, usually 5 sepals, 1 1/8 inch long and 1/4 inch wide, occasional extensions

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1	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 3/8 inches
	Color	Topside near 158B; bottom near 144C
5	Peduncle:	Smooth
	Length:	About 1 3/4 inches
	Strength:	Firm
10	Color:	Near 139B
	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 inches
	Borne:	Singly
15	Form:	High centered, opening flat with maturity
	Petalage:	About 38
20	Petaloids in center:	Few, about 3 to 5 petaloids, color near 74C
	Fragrance:	Slight
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 6 days after cutting
25	Color	
	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 60B; bottom near 60C; outer petals topside near 60B, bottom near 60C
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1	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 158B
	General tonality from a distance:	Near 60C
5	Color Change:	As bloom ages, fades slight to near 60C; after 3 or more days, about the same
10	General tonality from a distance:	Dark red even after 3 or more days
	Petals	
	Texture:	Soft
15	Shape:	Wider than long
	Arrangement:	Normal
	Appearance:	Satiny
20	Margin:	Serrate
	Persistence:	Strong, as a cut flower and in the garden

**REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

25	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles, about 40 to 50 filaments and anthers, no pollen observed
30	Color:	Filaments near 162B; Anthers

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		near 158B
1	Styles:	Thin
	Stigmas:	Color near 158D
	Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
5	Shape:	Round
	Size:	About 1/2 inch
	Color:	Near 144A
10	Seeds:	No seeds observed
	Disease Resistance	Cultivar exhibits average resistance/susceptibility to disease
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I CLAIM:

1       A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety  
substantially as shown and described.

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